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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Re Request for National Estimates on Indochina

- l. This morning Carl Marcy called to say that Senator Symington was back in town and in view of a cable from investigators Lowenstein and Moose, Marcy wanted to know whether the Senator had been in touch with the Director. I said the Senator called the Director first thing this morning and was coming out for lunch with the Director today.
- 2. Turning to the recent request by Senator Fulbright for Committee staff access to certain National Estimates, I said the Director wanted to be sure he was responsive to the Chairman and didn't want any mail from the Hill to go unanswered, so I would like Marcy's advice on whether a note from me to him saying that Committee staff personnel would meet again with Agency representatives in order to try to work out a mutually agreeable arrangement would be satisfactory.
- 3. Mr. Marcy replied that they would like something a good deal more specific, and suggested that it include the following points:
 - a. It is agreed that the original request for all NIE's on the subject was too broad, and the Committee is now prepared to make its request more specific.
 - b. The Agency will respond by providing detailed information enabling the Committee staff to reach an "independent assessment on all the relevant information" on the Pentagon Papers.

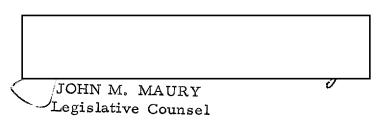
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- 4. Mr. Marcy added that he wanted to be sure that we didn't "parcel out information that would serve the Administration's purposes—whatever these purposes are." He said he would like such a letter, preferably signed by the Director, to serve as a guide for George Carver or whoever was handling the matter on our side.
- 5. I said our main purpose in sending such a letter would be to keep the record straight, and I doubted that we could include all the points he had suggested. He asked that I give him a call after I had drafted something so we could discuss it.

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